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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as indicated below.

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 14-28 with the following amended paragraph:

Certain custom-built massaging chairs known in the art include a massaging device for performing massaging functions. One type of massaging device is shown in PCT International Application No. PCT/JP99/01340, filed March 17, 1999, by Shimizu Nobuzo now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,213,962. The massaging device used in such chairs includes a track, a massage wheel driving mechanism slidably coupled to the track, and a pair of rotating massage wheels, which are attached to the drive mechanism and translated along the track. The track forms two C-shaped rails. One or more guide wheels having a generally flat circumferential surface are coupled to each side of the driving mechanism. The wheels on each side of the mechanism are fitted within a corresponding rail. Grease is typically applied within the rails to reduce friction between the wheel sides and the rails. The driving mechanism is electrically coupled via electrical wires to a controller that provides the appropriate signal to a motor for driving the mechanism back and forth along the rails. The controller is coupled to a selection device for allowing the user of the massaging chair to turn the motor on and off and to select the speed of the movement of the massaging wheels. The driving mechanism generally includes a limit switch, which controls the motion of the driving mechanism along the rails.

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Please amend the paragraphs beginning on page 6, lines 7-10 as follows:

FIG. 21 is a schematic view of a massaging device incorporated in a stand alone unit and leaning against the back of a chair; [and]

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FIG. 22 is a partial end view of a massaging device incorporating additional multiple smaller massaging wheels; and

FIG. 23 is a front view of an exemplary C-shaped guide rail.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 18, lines 29-35 as follows:

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If desired, the massaging unit 6 of the present invention may be translated along a track forming two C-shaped rails. A track with an exemplary C-shaped guide rail 75 for receiving a guide wheel, is illustrated in FIG. 23. The biasing wheel 72 of the present invention may also be coupled to a massaging unit translated along a track forming two C-shaped rails. Further, the diamond shaped guide wheels 60 and biasing wheel 72 of the present invention may be coupled to a messaging unit comprising a pair of massage wheels. A description of such a track and massaging unit are described in PCT International Application No. PCT/JP99/01340 (filed March 17, 1999), the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.